

MINUTES
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting
Helena Headquarters
1420 East 6th Avenue - Helena, MT 59620
CONFERENCE CALL
August 31, 2005

Commission Members Present: Steve Doherty, Chairman; Tim Mulligan, Vice-Chairman; Shane Colton; John Brenden; Vic Workman.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff: Jeff Hagener, Director; Don Childress; Jeff Herbert; Gary Hammond; Rick Northrup; Regena Peterson.

Chairman Doherty called the conference call meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. 2005 Late Season Waterfowl Seasons / Closures - Final. Don Childress, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator, introduced **Jeff Herbert, FWP Assistant Wildlife Division Administrator,** who presented the proposed final recommendations.

Herbert said FWP received six comments on the tentatives, of which four were in support. The remaining two comments were from hunters who requested that the Central Flyway season be the same length as the Pacific Flyway season. Herbert said this was not possible due to the prescribed timeframes, which the season already falls within. Herbert noted that Montana's regulations currently fall under the liberal season for ducks and geese. The Department is recommending no changes to the tentatives.

Action: Colton moved and Workman seconded the motion to approve the 2005 late season waterfowl seasons as recommended by the Department. Motion carried.

2. Teton Spring Creek Administrative Rule of Montana – Final. Don Childress, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator, said during the last legislative session, the legislature passed SB503, which enacted abandonment of the Teton Spring Creek Bird Preserve. To maintain continuity with the Statutes, the Department drafted a rule change to eliminate the Preserve from the Administrative Rules of Montana. Commission approval is required prior to filing the rule change with the Secretary of State.

Action: Brenden moved and Workman seconded the motion to approve the Teton Spring Creek Administrative Rules of Montana for abandonment of the Spring Creek Preserve. Motion carried.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Steve Doherty, Chairman

M. Jeff Hagener, Director